House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting 2013 Regular Session May 8, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Timothy G. "Tim" Burns, Chairman of the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m. in Room 2, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Taylor F. Barras
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Jared C. Brossett
Representative Michael E. Danahay, Vice Chair
Representative Randal L. Gaines
Representative Gregory A. Miller
Representative Stephen E. Pugh
Representative John M. Schroder, Sr.
Representative Timothy G. "Tim" Burns, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Girod Jackson III

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, Legislative Analyst Mark Mahaffey, Attorney Shawn O'Brien, Secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Susan Broussard, Sergeant at Arms Andrew Hoz, Clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 531 by Representative Havard

Representative Havard authored House Bill No. 531, a constitutional amendment which provides relative to increasing the financial burden of public school systems.

There was no discussion on the bill.

Representative Burns offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 531. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 years and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 387 by Representative Schroder

Representative Schroder presented House Bill No. 387, which protects public employees from reprisal for providing information to a legislator or legislative committee upon request.

Representative Schroder offered a set of amendments to define "request of a legislator or legislative committee" and to subject actions or remedy directed at certain classified employees to approval from the appropriate civil service commission prior to implementation.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Ms. Julie Cherry, La. AFL-CIO, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of the legislation.

Cards in support of House Bill No. 387 were also submitted by Ms. Barbara Sellers, Shreveport Firefighters (no address provided), Mr. Curtis Beauregard, Alexandria Fire Fighters, 73 Bayou Oaks Drive, Alexandria, LA; Mr. David Duplechain, United Transportation Union, 431 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA; Courtney Butcher, PFFA, 128 Taylor Blvd., Haughton, LA; 318-518-8921, Mr. Louis Reine and Mr. Ernest Stephens, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-383-5741; Mr. Ed Parker, AFSCME, 429 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-922-2800; Mr. Nicholas Felton, President, and Mr. David Watkins, New Orleans Fire Fighters, 3520 Gen. DeGaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA; Ms. Cynthia Posey, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, 9623 Brookline Dr., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Ayn Stehr, National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter, 18906 Spyglass Hill Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-241-0947; Stacy Birdwell, Professional Fire Fighters (no address provided), Shreveport, LA, Mr. Doug Watts, United Steelworkers, 35851 Bill Stelley St. Independence, LA; 985-320-2788; and Mr. John Sabathe, AFL-CIO, 733 Wood Duck Lane, Slidell, LA, 985-285-6844.

Ms. Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, was present to provide information on the bill if requested.

Mr. Tim Barfield, Louisiana Department of Revenue, P. O. Box 201, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, and Mr. Thomas Enright, governor's office, State Capitol, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, testified in opposition to the bill.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to report House Bill No. 387 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 101 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 101, a constitutional amendment which provides for the duties of the treasurer in certain circumstances.

Ms. Helen Robinson, P. O. Box 663, Independence, LA; Phyllis Walker, AVCOA, 4007 Steven Dr., Hessmer, LA; Ms. Madelyn Moreau, Council on Aging, P. O. Box 434, Marksville, LA; 318-253-9514 Ms. Maurene LaBorde, Avoyelles Council on Aging, (address incomplete), Marksville, LA, 253-9771; Mr. Morris Mack (no address provided); Ms. Dolores Ruzat-Thorn, Council on Aging, 122 W. Barbin St., Marksville, LA; 318-305-4684; Mr. David Twigg, 14650 Richardson Dr., Central, LA 225-261-4752; and Ms. Dorothy Cannon, 18407 Keystone, Greenwell Springs, LA, 225-261-2332, submitted witness cards in support of the bill but did not testify.

Ms. Liz Murrill, Division of Administration, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-333-6416, and Mr. Thomas Enright, governor's office, State Capitol, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 testified in opposition to the bill.

Mr. Ray L. Stockstill, Division of Administration, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA submitted a witness card in opposition to the bill.

Representative Brossett offered a motion to report House Bill No. 101 favorably, to which Representative Burns objected. The secretary called the roll and the motion passed by a vote of 5 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Brossett, Gaines, Miller, and Pugh voted yea. Representatives Barras and Burns voted nay.

House Bill No. 102 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 102, a constitutional amendment which limits the power of an appropriation bill to effect change in other laws.

Ms. Helen Robinson, P. O. Box 663, Independence, LA; Phyllis Walker, AVCOA, 4007 Steven Dr., Hessmer, LA; Ms. Madelyn Moreau, Council on Aging, P. O. Box 434, Marksville, LA; 318-253-9514 Ms. Maurene LaBorde, Avoyelles Council on Aging, (address incomplete), Marksville, LA, 253-9771; Mr. Morris Mack (no address provided); Dolores Ruzat-Thorn, Council on Aging, 122 W. Barbin St., Marksville, LA; 318-305-4684; Mr. David Twigg, 14650 Richardson Dr., Central, LA 225-261-4752; and Ms. Dorothy Cannon, 18407 Keystone, Greenwell Springs, LA, 225-261-2332, submitted witness cards in support of the bill but did not testify.

Ms. Liz Murrill and Mr. Ray L. Stockstill, Division of Administration, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-333-6416, and Mr. Thomas Enright, governor's office, State Capitol, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 testified in opposition to the bill.

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 102 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 352 by Representative Harrison

Representative Harrison presented House Bill No. 352, which provides relative to elderly affairs; creates the Department of Elderly Affairs, places the Louisiana Executive Board on Aging in the department; and provides for allocation of funds for programs for the elderly.

The following persons turned in witness cards indicating their support for House Bill No. 352 but did not testify: Ms. Sylvia Barial, Ms. Vicky Brister, Ms. Ester Lawless, Ms. Marion Evans, Ms. Marilyn Cheatham, Ms. Marcelle Pellerin, Ms. Barbara Ann Boyd, and Sr. Jane Briseno, RSM; Mercy Endeavors Senior Center, 1017 St. Andrew, New Orleans, 70130, 504-568-0607; Ms. Marla Chirdon, Ms. Amanda Williamson, Ms. Leona Robinson, Ms. Evelyn H. Whitfield, Ms. Elizabeth Variste, LaQuan Fields, Ms. Johnnye Jackson, Ms. Rosie Brown, and Ms. Ima Wesley, New Orleans Council on Aging, (no address provided), New Orleans, LA; Ms. Elizabeth Schwerk-Yager, Mr. Nguyen Nguyen, Ms. Robyn Hubbard, Ms. Sandra Lowe, Ms. Charity V. Gross, Ms. Frances F. Bourg, Mr. John Boone, Ms. Charlene Boone, and Ms. Elva Welken, Jefferson Council on Aging (no address provided); Mr. Ben Jones, Ms. Shirley Harris, Ms. Shirley Smith, Ms. Helen Fortune, Ms. Cecile Davidson, Ms. Mary Morris, and Mr. Bill Buie, Catahoula Council on Aging (no address provided), Jonesville, LA 71343; Mr. James Miller, Ms. Twila Savoie, Ms. Anna Belle Taylor, Ms. Allie Mae Theriot, Ms. Melba Faulk, Ms. Violeta L. Cano, Mr. Alan W. LaVergne, Ms. Peggy Reyes, Mr. Oscar Reyes, Ms. Belva O'Blance, Ms. Mary A. Johnson, Ms. Patricia Champagne, Ms. Helen Theriot, Ms. Dorothy Mr. Hebert Tolbert, and Ms. Dinah Landry, Cameron Parish Council on Aging (no address provided), Lake Charles, LA; Ms. Beverly Davis, Ms. Yvonne Taylor, Mr. Abraham Jones, Mr. Douglas Devaede, Sr., Ms. Glenda Thomas, Ms. Rita McKim, Mr. Lloyd Edwards, Ms. Relia Dukes, and Ms. Becky Bergeron, Pointe Coupee Council on Aging, (no address provided), New Roads, LA; Ms. Marcella Corrick, Ms. Janet V. Madere, Ms. Elaine R. Juneau, Ms. Sylvia Twigg, and Mr. David Twigg, Central Council on Aging (no address provided), Greenwell

Springs, LA; Ms. Leola Livingston, Ms. Alicia Raburn, Ms. Callie Wilson, Mr. Exell Perkins, Ms. Patricia Smith, Ms. Debra Robinson, Ms. Minnie Daniels, and Ms. Dorothy Ross-Green, Morehouse Parish Council on Aging (no address provided), Bastrop, LA; Mr. Olander P. Bajoie, Jr., Ms. Linda Batiste, and Ms. Ida Boutte, 12th Ward Senior Citizens Group (no address given), New Orleans, LA; Ms. Lisa DeRouen, Ms. Lucille Ducote, Ms. Patricia Parker, Ms. Audrey Dinger, and Mr. Eldrige Dinger, Pineville Senior Center, (no address provided), Pineville, LA; Ms. Carrie L. Cann, Ms. Dorothy J. Bell, Ms. Margie S. Jenkins, Ms. Dorothy Taylor DuPree, Ms. Savannah E. Walker, Ms. Rosetta A. Daniels, Ms. Lynda McGehee, Ms. Regena R. Trichell, Ms. Zora Watters, Ms. Mary Murphy, Ms. Vera Washington, Ms. Willie Mae Tolston, Ms. Helen Jackson, Ms. Catherine Washington, and Ms. Carleen Lee, Ouachita Council on Aging (no address provided), Monroe, LA; Ms. Melvinia Wilson, Ms. Leola Small, Ms. Frances V. Johnson, Ms. Tommie Wilford, Ms. Vergie Barlow, Ms. Gladys M. Hatfield, Mr. Corey Williams, Mr. Edward McCray, Ms. Velma Harrell, Ms. Melba Joseph, Mr. Antoine Pierce, Mr. Theo Ducksworth, Mr. Kenneth Weams, Ms. Joyce Williams, Ms. Annie Hunt, Ms. Rita Polk, Ms. Philann Hunter, Ms. Mattie Burton, Ms. Sarah Price, Ms. Dorothy Clark, Ms. Rosetta Adams, Mr. Bradley Seaberry, Ms. Joyce Davis, Ms. Merisia Johnson, Ms. Shontell LeBeouf, Mr. Louis Gibson, Ms. Tasha Clark-Aman, Ms. Yvonne D. Woods, Ms. Betty Johnson, Ms. Katherlee Sterling, Mr. E. Lathers, Ms. Leola Guidry, and Ms. Debra Parker, Baton Rouge Council on Aging, (no address provided), Baton Rouge, LA; Pat Armistead, Ms. Sally Peart, Ms. Jennifer Smart, Ms. Laprana Brady, Ms. Arlene Butler, Gale Courville, Ms. Faye Sumbler, and Terry Courville, Allen Parish Council on Aging, P. O. Drawer ED, Oakdale, LA; Ms. Cheron Brylski, Louisiana Women's Network, 3418 Coliseum St., New Orleans, LA; Mr. Ernest Stephens, Louisiana AFL-CIO, 429 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Diana Kimble, Grant Council on Aging; 970 Farenzie Rd., Colfax, LA; Ms. Patricia Jones, Louisiana Aging Network Assoc., 121 Thom St., Oakdale, LA; Ms. George Ann Smith, Ms. Debi Fleming, Tangipahoa Council on Aging, 2007 Duncan Ave., Amite, LA; Ms. Linda Haymon, Ascension Council on Aging, P. O. Box 412, Donaldsonville, LA; Ms. Darlene Schexnayder, Ascension Council on Aging, 10121 Lake Ridge Ave., Gonzales, LA; Ms. April Keller, St. Charles Council on Aging, 626 Pine St., Hahnville, LA; Ms. Diana N. Edmonson, Terrebonne Council on Aging, P. O. Box 8036, Houma, LA; Ms. June Williams, La. Ex. Board on Aging, 3594 Friendswood Dr., Houma, LA; Ms. Helen Langley, Jeff Davis Council on Aging, 210 State Street, Jennings, LA; Ms. Shelena Griffin, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 112 North 1st, Apt. 2, Raceland, LA; Ms. Ramona Lirette, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 1345 Dr. Beatrous Road, Theriot, LA; Gale Sampson, Avoyelles Council on Aging, P. O. Box 175, Mansura, LA; Ms. Katherine B. Scallan, Avoyelles Parish Council on Aging, 224 S. Preston St., Marksville, LA; Ms. Gay Marie O'Neal, Grant Council on Aging, P. O. Box 145, Colfax, LA; Ms. Joyce D. McElroy, Winn Council on Aging, P. O. Box 1, Winnfield, LA; Mr. Howard Rodgers, New Orleans Council on Aging, 2475 Canal St., New Orleans, LA; Ms. Priscilla R. Edwards, Central City Senior Center, 2020 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, LA; Ms. Dawn Collins, LA Movement, 3351 Ft. Myers, Baton Rouge, LA; Tracy Thompson, Capital Area Agency on Aging, 6554 Florida Blvd., Suite 221, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Eva B. Pratt, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 4423 Monticello Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Ben Frazier, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 12536 Tams Dr., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Joyce Fraxier, , East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 12536 Tams Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Helen Barnes, Kentwood Council on Aging, 218

Ave. F, Kentwood, LA; Ms. Lela Odessa Patterson, Winn Parish Council on Aging, 211 East Main, Winfield, LA; Ms. Mable G. Beavers, Gonzales Council on Aging, 1035 E. North St., Gonzales, LA; Ms. Patricia Mayers, Gonzales Council on Aging, 43369 Highway 621, Gonzales, LA; Mr. Claude Cockerham III (no address provided), Gonzales Council on Aging; Ms. Josephine Selders, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 764 Marcellious Lane, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Rodessa Young, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 1735 North 17th St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Della F. Matthews, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 24936 Shanlin Drive, Zachary, LA; Ms. Marjorie Robinson, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 9742 Pride Port Hudson Rd., Zachary, LA; Ms. Geraldine Anderson, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 21128 Reames Rd., Zachary, LA; Ms. Fannie D. Williams, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 1925 Arkansas St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Libbie Tucker, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 10555 Black Rd., Zachary, LA; Ms. Dorothy Payne, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 11649 Little Farm Dr., Zachary, LA; Ms. Margaret McKee, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 7620 Olive Lane, Slaughter, LA; Mr. A. D. Treloar, III, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 10555 Black Rd., Zachary, LA; Ms. Meree G. Burrell, East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, 25221 Shanklin Dr., Zachary, LA; Ms. Cheryl Gray, Ascension Parish Council on Aging, 5483 Courtyard Drive, Gonzales, LA; Ms. Mary Deshields, Ascension Parish Council on Aging, 536 S. Irma, Gonzales, LA; Ms. Bernice Ceaser, Ascension Parish Council on Aging, 536 Irma, Gonzales, LA; Mr. Ira and Ms. Linda Graham, Hessmer Council on Aging, 809 Jack's Road, Hessmer, LA; Ms. Bertha Blanchard, Marksville Council on Aging, 214 Ed Carroll Rd., Hessmer, LA; Ms. Bernice Dupas, Marksville Council on Aging, (address incomplete), Marksville, LA; Ms. Lillie Pearl Parker, Marksville Council on Aging, 204 Mansura Villa, Marksville, LA; Ms. Mildred Butler, Marksville Council on Aging, (address incomplete), Marksville, LA; Ms. Hazel Bordelon, Marksville Council on Aging, 224 S. Preston St., Marksville, LA; Ms. Judith C. Mayeux, Marksville Council on Aging, 2619 Lee St., Marksville, LA; Ms. Edna Mae Washington, Marksville Council on Aging, (address incomplete), Marksville, LA; Tommy Gordon, Ascension Council on Aging, 536 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales, LA; Mr. T. Munoz, Metairie Senior Center, 2511 Metairie Dr., Metairie, LA; Ms. Barbara Ladner, Jefferson Council on Aging, 4108 Sanford St., Metairie, LA; Ms. Marguerite Clement, Jefferson Senior Center, (address incomplete), Jefferson, LA; Ms. Catherine Tassin, Jefferson Senior Center, (address illegible), Metairie, LA; Ms. Dianne Vasquez, Jefferson Senior Center, 1201 N. Turnbull, Metairie, LA; Ms. JoAnn P. Schmitt, Jefferson Senior Center, 504 Severn, Metairie, LA; Ms. Minnie Varnado, Jefferson Senior Center, 601 Betz Ave., Jefferson, LA; Ms. Christi Rochelle, Jefferson Senior Center, 4929 York, Metairie, LA; Ms. Ceola Grant, Ascension Council on Aging, 511 Opelousas St., Donaldsonville, LA; Mr. Arthur D. Nichols, Ascension Council on Aging, 206 Pine St., Donaldsonville, LA; Mr. Marion Crawford, 125 Elizabeth St., Donaldsonville, LA; Ms. Sarah Johnson, Ascension Council on Aging, 1621 St. Patrick St., Donaldsonville, LA; Ms. Marlene Hilliard, Ascension Council on Aging, 1405 W. Tobey Avenue, Gonzales, LA; Mr. Paul J. Rome, Sr., Ascension Council on Aging, 134 Azalea Drive, Donaldsonville, LA; Ms. Brenda Gardner, East Feliciana Council on Aging, P. O. Box 986, Clinton, LA; Ms. Lucille Braschier, East Feliciana Council on Aging, (no address provided) Clinton, LA; Ms. Lisa Gibbs, East Feliciana Council on Aging, P. O. Box 401, Clinton, LA; Ms. Louise Reynolds, East Feliciana Council on Aging, P. O. Box 129, Norwood, LA; Ms. Amanda Butts, Catahoula Council on Aging, 781 Bushley St. Harrisonburg, LA; Ms. Betty Smith, Catahoula Council on

Aging, P. O. Box 342, Sicily Island, LA; Ms. Edna Jordan, Catahoula Council on Aging, P. O. Box 13, Sicily Island, LA; Ms. Betty Page, Catahoula Council on Aging, 133 Rowan Ct., Sicily Island, LA; Ms. Lillie Swayzer, Catahoula Council on Aging, Catahoula Council on Aging, 464 Chisum St. Sicily Island, LA; Ms. Mariana Burroughs, Ouachita Council on Aging, 2321 Whitney, Monroe, LA; Ms. Willie Mae Ware, Ouachita Council on Aging, 5125 Brown Rd., Richwood, LA: Ms. Mattie Marshall, Ouachita Council on Aging, 603 Alabama St. (address incomplete); Ms. Mildred Archer, Ouachita Council on Aging, (address incomplete) Monroe, LA; Ms. Irene Aycock, Ouachita Council on Aging, 1500 McKeen, Monroe, LA; Ms. Remona Goldsby, Ouachita Council on Aging, 108 Garfield Dr., Monroe, LA; Ms. Sue Dennis, Ouachita Council on Aging, (no address provided); Ms. Wilma Goldsmith, Ouachita Council on Aging, 104 Vegas Dr., Monroe, LA; Ms. Willie Edna Johnson, Morehouse Parish Council on Aging, P. O. Box 894, Bastrop, LA; Mr. Naamon Johnson, Morehouse Parish Council on Aging, P. O. Box 894, Bastrop, LA; Ms. Belma Lollie, Morehouse Parish Council on Aging, 9012 Syble Dr., Bastrop, LA; Ms. Marjorie Ross, Morehouse Parish Council on Aging, 501 Elmhurst Dr., Bastrop, LA; Mr. Joe E. Dorsey, Morehouse Parish Council on Aging, 1610 King Ave., Bastrop, LA; Ms. Kitty Askew, Cameron Parish Council on Aging, 965 Hwy. 384, Lake Charles, LA; Ms. Mary Johnson, Cameron Parish Council on Aging, 965 Hwy. 384, Lake Charles, LA; Mr. Alan LaVergne, Cameron Parish Council on Aging, Highway 384, Grand Lake, LA; Ms. Rose Gautreaux, Terrebonne Council on Aging, 995 Tunnel Blvd., Houma, LA; Ms. Susan Guidroz, 15 Fairlane Drive, Metairie, LA; Evelyn Lewis, 518 W. 5th Street, Independence, LA; Mr. Richard B. Blystad, Jr., 245 W. Chestnut St., Ponchatoula, LA; Mr. Lawrence W. Thonn, 220 Claiborne Ct., Jefferson, LA; Ms. Earnestine Jackson, 207 East Church St., Hammond, LA; Ms. Mildred Patterson, 207 East Church St., Hammond, LA; Ms. Jeanne S. White, 1015 Milan Street, New Orleans, LA; Ms. Sandra (illegible), P. O. Box 750113, New Orleans, LA; Mr. Marshall Stephens, 8428 Apricot St., New Orleans, LA; Ms. Noella Thonn, Jefferson Highway, Jefferson, LA; Mr. George Freeman, 2201 Barracks St., New Orleans, LA; Ms. Anna McDermott, 2201 Barracks St., New Orleans, LA; Ms. Emma Lopez, 511 Adele Lane, New Orleans, LA; Everette and Edward Williams, Marksville, LA; Ms. Cecile Francois, P,. O. Box 1324, Marksville, LA; Ms. Emilee LaBorde, 364 Borrel St., Marksville, LA; Ms. Ora Lee Turner, 504 Frazier; Bunkie, LA; Ms. Cheryl Bryson, 1477 Hwy. 452, Marksville, LA; Ms. Mary Lee Williams, 610 Lettsworth St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Rosa Lee Haynes, 1705 N. 18th St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Janice Templet, 816 Iberville St., Donaldsonville, LA; Ms. Della Marcello, 112 Fourth St., Donaldsonville, LA; Ms. Willie Mae Compton, P. O. Box 1034, Bunkie, LA; Terry Patterson, 507 Vine Street, Bunkie, LA; Ms. Eula and Mr. Armede Lemoine, 122 Oak St., Cottonport, LA; Ms. Elizabeth Clanieu, 2533 Tessamine, Baton Rouge, LA, Ms. Earleen Erlege, 147-1/2 Van Buren Street, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Kathleen Glaude, 1783 Fountain Ave., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Celina Sampson, 6430 Dubea Street, Mansura, LA; Ms. Irma J. Eldridge, P. O. Box 855, Cottonport, LA; Velma Wells, P. O. Box 604, Cottonport, LA; Ms. Madelyn Moreau, P. O. Box 434, Marksville, LA; Ms. Elaine Quebedeaux, (address illegible), Mansura, LA; Ms. Iris Ducote, 224 S. Preston, Marksville, LA; Ms. Gail Dupont, Avoyelles (address incomplete); Ms. Gertrude Ransberg (address incomplete); Cottonport, LA; Mr. Eddie T. Hager (no address); Ms. Gwen Burke, 343 S. Michael Drive, Moreauville, LA; Mr. Murray Rabalais, 582 Union Street, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Maudry Anderson, P. O. Box 324, Simmesport, LA; Mr. D. C. Sills, 209 E. Shamrock, Pineville, LA; Ms. Bernie Miner, 871 Robinson Bridge Road, Woodworth,

LA; Ms. Louise Moreau, 877 Robinson Bridge Rd., #9, Woodworth, LA; Ms. Penny Haaland, 10 Indian Creek Rd., Woodworth, LA; Ms. Juanita F. Vanderhoeven, (address incomplete), Alexandria, LA; Mr. Doug Godwin (no address); Ms. Patricia L. Carter, P. O. Box 1513, Glenmora, LA; Ms. Lois Bacon, 304 S. Louisiana Ave., (address incomplete); Mr. Kenneth Easley (address incomplete), Simmesport, LA; Ms. April Parker, 809 Avenue C, Kentwood, LA; Ms. Mary M. Washington, 115 Senior St., #21, Bunkie, LA; Ms. Isabella Riley, P. O. Box 332, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Sorena Mack, YMCA, 4748 Beech Street, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Myrtle Franklin, YMCA, 304 West Grant St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Betty Long, 12524 Milldate Road, Zachary, LA; Ms. Ann Desselle, 1020 Lawna McLean Lane, Cottonport, LA; Ms. Carol Purdion, 1020 Laura McLean Lane, Cottonport, LA; Ms. Betty Bernard, 600 S. Weir Street, Bunkie, LA; Ms. Doretha Jackson, 5555 N. Afton Parkway, Baton Rouge, LA; Willie B. Richard, 5186 Adams Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Barbara D. Turner, 3995 Billops St., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Beulah Williams, 5162 Woodlawn Ave., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Edna Bradford, 401 Longwood Ct., Baton Rouge, LA; Willie Matthews, Jr., 1765 Blvd. De Province, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Chermane Allen, 6525 Park Manor Drive, Metairie, LA; Ms. Dorothy Hinton (address incomplete), Loranger, LA; Minnie Dillon, P. O. Box 1796, Natalbany, LA; Ms. Alma Beard, (address illegible), Ponchatoula, LA; Ms. Willie Mae Berry, 750 E. Oak St., Ponchatoula, LA; Mr. August and Ms. Alice Arrigo, 344 Vinet Ave., Jefferson, LA; Florence Catalano, 4005 Ferran Drive, Metairie, LA; Ms. Eve and Mr. Mervin Doherty (address incomplete), Ponchatoula, LA; Ms. Lew Mae Miller (no address provided); Ms. Lena Letellier, 18044 Old Covington Hwy, Hammond, LA; Ms. Pearl Evans, 269 E. Railroad Ave., Independence, LA; Ms. Collette Mittelstaedt, 4815 Jefferson Hwy., Jefferson, LA; Ms. Rose Maria Laines, 8721 24th St., Metairie, LA; Ms. Marie Lobre, 4815 Jefferson Hwy., Jefferson, LA; Mr. Monroe Fowler, P. O. Box 1075, Gonzales, LA; Mr. Z. Stern (address illegible); Mr. Fred Nelson, 900 N. 19th Street (address incomplete); Ms. Violet M. Cowan, 121 Shanghai Rd., Ball, LA; Ms. Barbara Parker (address incomplete), Ball, LA; Ms. Irene Gray, (address incomplete), Colfax, LA; Ms. Janice Chambers, 410 Ebony St., Bunkie, LA; Mr. Melvin Amos (address not provided); Mr. F. Gilbert Ardoin, Morgan Rd., Central, LA; Ms. Ann Watts, Morgan Rd., Central, LA; Ms. Ernestine Crawford (address illegible); Ms. Dorothy Cannon, 18407 Keystone, Greenwell Springs, LA; Ms. Linda Thompson; 13113 Main St., Norwood, LA; Ms. Charlene Netterville, P. O. Box 192, Norwood, LA; Mr. Julius Kennerson, P. O. Box 342, Wilson, LA; Ms. Aquanetta Moses, 947 N. Bon Marche Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Emma Lafayette, 6450 Nellie Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Guy Bethea, 7625 Conestoga, Central, LA; Mary Dunbar, 3026 Adams Ave., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Gertrude Williams, 1032 Timberside Dr., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Dessie Wright, 3705 Dick Taylor St. (address incomplete); Ms. Lena Scott, 430 Lake Street, Colfax, LA; Ms. Dora Evans, 3206 Montreal Drive, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Orline Carpenter, (address incomplete), Pineville, LA; Ms. Helen Mott (address not provided), Pineville, LA; Mr. L. J. Smith, 413 Grove Street, Winnfield, LA; Ms. Gaynell Sutton, 700 Hellier St., (address incomplete); Ms. Eula Mae Williams (address not provided), Kentwood, LA; Ms. Phyllis G. Walker, 4007 Steven Dr., #10, Hessmer, LA; Ms. Margie Ballard, 874 N. Marie, #9, Marksville, LA; Ms. Willa Lucas, 1502 Belvedeer Drive, Kentwood, LA; Ms. Rosa Mae Holmes, 1324 Highway 492, Colfax, LA; Ms. Pearlie Beard, 1511 Truevine St., Winnfield, LA; Ms. Thelma Jones (no address provided); Ms. Lucy Amar (no address provided); Ms. Thelma Perry (no address provided); Ms. Ursula Brady (no address provided); Ms. Lucinda Allen,

297 Alfore Rd., Colfax, LA; Charles Watkins, 424 Lake St., Colfax, LA; Ms. Dorothy Johnson, 2004 Gum St., Winnfield, LA; Ms. Clara M. Brooks, 604 West. Jones, St., Winnfield, LA; Ms. Doris Pearson, P. O. Box 844, Winnfield, LA; Mr. Vanue Lacour, Jr., 1186 Hwy. 484, Natchez, LA; Mr. Joseph LeJeune, P. O. Box 195, St. Amant, LA; Mr. Erison Dardar, 218 Avenue F, Kentwood, LA; Ms. Gail LeBeouf, 2713 S. Hodgeson Ave., Gonzales, LA; Ms. Rosa S. Jones (no address provided) Rapides Parish; Ms. Mary Ann Fisher (no address provided) Rapides Parish; Ms. Louise Norman, P. O. Box 1076, Marksville, LA; Mr. Morris Mack, 310 Simmesport, St. #6, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Carolyn Sarpy, P. O. Box 693, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Melvina Green, P. O. Box 439, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Patricia Couvillion, P. O. Box 691, Marksville, LA; Ms. Gloria Gauf, P. O. Box 937, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Augustine Johnson, P. O. Box 1099, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Elizabeth Peterman, 904 5th St., Apt. 4, Kentwood, LA; Ms. Nadine P. Lambert, 904 5th St., Apt. 4, Kentwood, LA; Ms. Sue Pierson, (address illegible), Kentwood, LA; Ms. Janice Kennedy, P. O. Box 2009, Simmesport, LA; Ms. Velma Babin, (no address provided), Alexandria, LA; Mr. Jerry H. Bromfield, 209 Ave. E, Kentwood, LA; Mr. Milton Dawson, 801 C.B. Temple Rd., Kentwood, LA; Careh Carter, 801-1/2 C.T. Temple Rd., Kentwood, LA; Ms. Alice Chandler, 218 Ave. F, Kentwood, LA; Ms. Ethel Butler, 70367 Freddie Dyson Rd., Kentwood, LA; Mr. Ernest Wolfe (no address provided); Jewel Woods (no address provided); Ms. Brenda Bryan, 101 Bocage, Donaldsonville, LA; Mr. Antony Ourso (address incomplete), Donaldsonville, LA; Mr. Ronald Rodrigue, (address illegible) Donaldsonville, LA; Ms. Alice Brussegec (no address provided); Ms. Shirley Hester (no address provided); Pat Gonsoulin, 2100 Danny Pk., Metairie, LA; Ms. Noella Klundt, 232 Harding St. (address incomplete); Ms. Modesta Gagliano, 6113 Mitchell Ave. (address incomplete); Mr. Gerald Lewis (no address provided); Ms. Sally Holt (no address provided); Ms. Anna Guiffreda (no address provided); Ms. Phyllis Martin (no address provided); Ms. Flo Marix, 2004 Edenborn Ave. (address incomplete); Ms. Marlene Rauch, 1709 Harvard Ave., Metairie, LA; Ms. Joyce Wall (no address provided); Mr. Charles Homes (no address provided); Ms. Therese Leonard, P. O. Box 837, Amite, LA; Ms. Myrtle Daniels (no address provided); Ms. Lashaun Carter (no address provided); Ms. Glory Hamton (no address provided); Ms. Easter James (no address provided); Ms. Beverly Brazil (no address provided); Ms. Jean and Mr. Lawrence C. Dunn, 403 S. Gatehouse Drive, Metairie, LA; Ms. Dolores Ruzat-Thorn, 122 W. Barbin St., Marksville, LA; Ms. Patricia Solomon (no address provided); Ms. Mary Jane Simon (no address provided); Ms. Nora Harriott (no address provided); Ms. Leola Bean (no address provided); and Ms. Maurene LaBorde, Avoyelles Council on Aging (no address provided), Marksville, LA.

Ms. Suzy Sonnier, Secretary, Department of Children and Family Services, 627 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-342-5573, expressed concern and provided information on the effects of a merger between the Department of Children and Family Services and Department of Health and Hospitals in order to create a slot for a new department, saying that funds would not be saved by such a merger.

Ms. Ruth Johnson, Division of Administration, 1201 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, and Ms. Courtney Phillips, Department of Health and Hospitals, 628 North 4th Street., Baton Rouge, LA, informed the committee that a series of streamlining study meetings in recent years had concluded

that no specific benefits would derive by combining departments to consolidate all the services to the elderly into a separate department. Some of the suggested efficiencies have been undertaken in the relevant departments, they said.

Ms. Lesia B. Warren, Division of Administration, 1201 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, informed the committee of specific concerns with the proposed legislation.

Mr. Ray L. Stockstill, Division of Administration, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ms. Anne Cassity, governor's office, State Capitol, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, submitted a card in opposition to House Bill No. 352.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 352 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 592 by Representative Thibaut

Representative Thibaut presented House Bill No. 592, which provides for the adequacy, accessibility, and quality of health care services offered by a health insurance issuer in its health benefit plan networks.

On behalf of the author, Representative Burns offered a set of amendments to add language specifying the commissioner of insurance's authority to decide that certain sections of an access plan not be disclosed and to specifically provide for availability of information relative to a health insurance issuer's services and features.

Mr. Korey Harvey, representing Insurance Commissioner Donelon, 1702 North Third St., Baton Rouge, LA, provided information relative to the proposed amendments.

Mr. Jeff Albright, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of LA, 9818 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Cheryl Tolbert, LBGH, 12046 Justice Ave., Baton Rouge, LA; Ronnell Nolan, Health Agents for America, P. O. Box 95128, Baton Rouge, LA; 225-921-6711; and Mr. Danny Ford, NAIFA, 143 Cloud Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-247-4100, were present in support of the bill but did not testify.

Representative Burns offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Miller, and Burns voted yea.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 592 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 614 by Representative Huval

Representative Huval presented House Bill No. 614, which provides for licensing and regulation of individuals and entities as health insurance navigators for a health benefit exchange.

Ronnell Nolan, Health Agents for America, P. O. Box 95128, Baton Rouge, LA; 225-921-6711, speaking in support, explained the need for the bill.

Mr. Jeff Albright, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of LA, 9818 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Danny Ford, NAIFA, 143 Cloud Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-247-4100, Mr. Richard Stiltner, AARP, 10338 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 225-819-8301; Mr. Bobby Savoie and Dr. Brenda G. Hatfield, Ms. Ana Forbes, Ms. Margie W. Dominick, and Kerry Everitt, AARP-LA, (no address provided) Baton Rouge, LA 225-936-1293; Dr. L. C. Thomas, AARP, P. O. Box 74201, Baton Rouge, LA 70879; Ms. Cheryl Tolbert, LBGH, 12046 Justice Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-291-0085; Mr. Kevin Cunningham, La. Association of Health Underwriters, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-381-0166; and Ms. Bridgette Rushing, CBSI, 238 N. College East, Denham Springs, LA 225-361-1765, submitted cards indicating their support for the bill but did not speak.

Mr. Korey Harvey, representing Insurance Commissioner Donelon, 1702 North Third St., Baton Rouge, LA, was present to provide information if requested.

Representative Burns offered a set of technical amendments to the bill and offered a motion to adopt the same. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 years and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 614 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 621 by Representative Abramson

Representative Abramson presented House Bill No. 621, which provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes and preparations therefor.

Representative Burns offered a set of amendments to require the governor to call the election for delegates by July 23, 2014 rather than not less than 45 days before the primary; to provide for the delegates to qualify with the clerks of court rather than with the secretary of state; and to require the convention to submit the draft constitution to the governor by July 22, 2015.

Representative Burns offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

Mr. Thomas Enright, governor's office, State Capitol, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 spoke in opposition the legislation.

Ms. Stephanie Armbruster, 220 Fern Hollow, Youngsville, LA 337-856-0159; Ms. Julie Little, 100 Harwell Drive, Lafayette, LA 337-981-1749; Ms. Sarah Dake, Mr. Derek Dake, Ms. Kim Dake, and Ms. Hannah Dake, 1525 N. Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA 337-534-3411; Mr. Gene Mills and Ms. Ruth Flores, Louisiana Family Forum, 655 St. Ferdinand St., Baton Rouge, LA 225-344-8533; Ms. Monica Gauthreaux and Ms. Aubree Gauthreaux, CHEF of La., 157 Petitjean Rd., Duson, LA, 337-873-4015; and Ms. Beryl Amedee, 202 Rhett Place, Gray, LA, 985-876-2141, submitted witness cards indicating opposition to the bill but did not speak.

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Bill No. 621 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brossett, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 by Representative Foil

Representative Foil presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, which creates a commission to study the feasibility of a constitutional convention and make recommendations relative thereto.

Ms. Ayn Stehr, National Association of Social Workers, Louisiana Chapter, 18906 Spyglass Hill Drive, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-241-0947 submitted a witness card in support of the resolution.

Mr. Thomas Enright, governor's office, State Capitol, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 spoke in opposition the resolution.

Mr. Gene Mills and Ms. Ruth Flores, Louisiana Family Forum, 655 St. Ferdinand St., Baton Rouge, LA 225-344-8533 submitted cards showing opposition to the measure.

Representative Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Brossett, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 264 by Representative Foil

Representative Foil presented House Bill No. 264, which excludes persons whose public service is limited to certain professional services from the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Mr. Duane Cowart, American Council on Engineering Companies of Louisiana (no address provided) 225-819-9945, speaking in favor of the bill, testified to the difficulty in addressing an opinion of the Board of Ethics relative to engineers and architects working on public projects.

Mr. Herman Gesser, III, AIA (American Institute of Architects) Louisiana, 200 Hilltop Circle, New Iberia, LA 337-376-7721, said in support of the bill that overlaying the code of ethics written for government employees over regulations governing professional services has caused confusion and that appropriate protections already exist in the law.

Mr. Steven B. Loeb, ACEC Louisiana, P. O. Box 3197, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in favor of the bill, saying that considering the impacted professionals as state employees will adversely affect their insurance and that the problem could be solved by precluding relatives of professionals already under contract from bidding on other parts of a job.

Mr. Kurt Evans, Digital Engineering, 527 West Esplanade Ave., Kenner, LA 70065, 504-468-6129; Mr. Dan Mobley, American Council of Engineers Council, 9643 Brookline, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-229-6086; Ms. Lucila Silva, Brown and Caldwell, 451 Florida St., #1050, Baton Rouge, LA; 225-235-0123; Mr. Adam Haddox, AIA-LA, 251 Florida St., Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Mike McGaugh, ACEC/L, 500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA; Ms. Lynn Robertson, AIA, 521 America St., Baton Rouge, LA; and Mr. Stephen Maher, AIA, 1176 Carter Ave., Baton Rouge, LA, submitted cards in support of the bill.

Mr. Wendell Lindsay, Common Cause Louisiana 9431 Common St., Baton Rouge, 70809, 225-769-0446, speaking in opposition, said it is appropriate that such professionals are considered employees for purposes of the Code of Governmental Ethics because of relationships they might have with other contracted workers under their purview on government projects.

Ms. Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, informed the committee that the board's emphasis is on the contractual relationship with the state rather than the specific profession and that continuing privatization of state agencies will have to be considered relative to the definition of a state employee for purposes of the ethics code.

Mr. Ronald Rodi, PE, Louisiana Engineering Society (no address provided), 225-924-2021; Ms. Dawn Collins LA Movement, 3351 Fort Myers, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Barry Erwin, CABL, P. O. Box 4308, Baton Rouge, LA, 225-344-2225; and Ms. Kay Zimmerman, Common Cause, 2603 Tall Timbers Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, 225-293-9276, submitted witness cards stating opposition to the bill.

Representative Berthelot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 264 favorably. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 479 by Representative Barras

Representative Barras presented House Bill No. 479, which provides an exception to annual ethics training requirements for non-salaried and non-supervisory hospital employees and requires additional ethics training for heads of certain executive branch departments.

Representative Barras offered a set of amendments to specify that "hospital service district" has the same meaning as in present law; to remove the requirement that duties of the employee primarily involve maintenance, custodial, or food services; to apply the exception to nonsalaried employees who are not authorized to enter into contracts; and to add a reference to present provisions relative to hospital service districts.

Ms. Jennifer McMahon, Louisiana Hospital Association (no address provided); 225-897-8383, spoke in favor of the bill.

Representative Barras offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Ms. Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, was present to provide information on the bill if requested.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 479 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

House Bill No. 538 by Representative Schroder

Representative Schroder presented House Bill No. 538, which provides relative to security and the allocation and use of space within the state capitol complex.

Representative Schroder offered a set of amendments to remove provisions on allocation of space in the capitol annex; to change provisions relative to use of space in the state capitol by some statewide elected officials, and to include the governor in addition to legislative leadership in determination of designated space in the state capitol not otherwise specifically designated.

Representative Schroder offered a motion to adopt the amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

Mr. Joe R. Salter, representing the Secretary of State, was present to provide information.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 538 with amendments. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pugh offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Barras, Berthelot, Danahay, Gaines, Miller, Pugh, Schroder, and Burns voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy G. "Tim" Burns, Chairman

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